

January 11, 2021

Ms. Melanie Hanssen, Chair
Los Gatos Planning Commission
Town of Los Gatos
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

**RE: Community Engagement Update + Visualization Updates
Rebuild of Los Gatos Meadows**

Dear Ms. Hanssen:

This letter supplements our justification letter of January 6, 2022, and our prior community engagement update letter of December 9, 2021, related to the rebuild of Los Gatos Meadows (the “project”), the 10.84-acre site located at 110 Wood Road (APN 510-47-038) at the intersection of Wood Road and S. Santa Cruz Avenue in Los Gatos.

Since our December 9th letter, we held our 10th neighborhood open house meeting. Given recent installation of the story poles and lead up to the Planning Commission public hearing tomorrow, it was well attended (13 neighbors). The primary focus on our update related to visual impacts and construction processes. There were several questions related to the visual impacts & simulations, construction hours/truck trips, tree removal and proposed landscaping, and building heights each of which we addressed. There were a few miscellaneous questions, not directly related to our application, but nonetheless important to our neighbors, that our team will respond to over in the next few days.

Attached herein is an updated an Updated Listing of Meetings with Neighbors and Community (Appendix D).

As previously indicated, we continue to update a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and posts this document to the Los Gatos Meadows page of the Covia web site: <https://covia.org/los-gatos-meadows/>

This web site also has a video summary of the overall proposed project and well as a video focusing on our plans to employ self-driving vehicles.

Respectfully,



Francesco J. Rockwood
Rockwood Pacific Inc.
Applicant

Attachment

- Updated Listing of Meetings with Neighbors and Community (Appendix D)
- Updated visualizations

Appendix D

Listing of Meetings with Neighbors and Community

Type of Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Attendee	Notes from Meeting	Outcome
Open House 1	03/08/18	7:30-9PM	Los Gatos Meadows	Maria Ristow, Irving & Evelyn Mitsunaga, Robert Mullan (Toll House)	General introduction of intent to rebuild Los Gatos Meadows	Kicked-off neighborhood communications plan
Open House 2	04/18/18	7-8PM	Los Gatos Meadows	Julie Ritter Southern, Maria Ristow, Claire Leclair, Cathy Colgan	General introduction of intent to rebuild Los Gatos Meadows; similar material to first meeting	Kicked-off neighborhood communications plan
Open House 3	05/03/18	7-8PM	Los Gatos Meadows	Karen Kurtz, Linda Iversen, Sue Fairley	Attendees interested in architecture and supplemental transportation options	Design team elevated analysis of supplemental transportation alternatives
Open House 4	05/20/18	3-4PM	Los Gatos Meadows	John and Jean Richardson, Stanford Stickney and 3 other family members	Questions related to timeline, storm drainage, and fire risk	Resolved current storm drain issue and initiated planning to mitigate fire risk through brush removal
Focus Groups (3 Sessions)	10/2/2018 - 10/3/2018	Varies	Toll House	36 older adults participated in 3 sessions. Participants were drawn from the local area. Participants were promised confidentiality.	Sensitive to how various attributes or requirements may drive cost, supplemental transportation system very important, limited enthusiasm for LEED certification but recycling and energy efficiency important, limited enthusiasm for facilitating non-residents/non-guests on campus, preference for larger, more spacious units, recommendation to minimize long corridors, preference for multiple dining venues and ample on-site amenities such as fitness center, walking trails, access to town, casual dining, library, coffee shop, and access to on-site support care.	Design team made applicable refinements to concept plan
Open House 5	12/06/18	7-8PM	Los Gatos Meadows	Julie Ritter Southern, Matt and Marlena Hood and friend, Mike Wasserman	Question about timing, policy related to relocation of existing residents, impact on visibility to neighbors above, use of solar panels and roof color, impacts on traffic (with specific concerns about summer traffic), site security during closure, parking, noise impacts and construction parking. Requested advance notifications of all construction work that could affect access. Some residents on Wood Road would prefer that Farwell Lane continue to support regular vehicle traffic. A video summary of the meeting was posted at: https://vimeo.com/278024461	Feedback informed further refinement to concept plan. With regard to Wood Road traffic impacts, design team is prioritizing minimizing errant trips up Wood Road past the main entrance, and more importantly, further prioritizing the supplemental transportation system to convert more trips to autonomous vehicle, pedestrian or bike trips. Also, currently planning to include solar panels.
Open House 6	10/10/19	7-8PM	Toll House	Julie Ritter Southern, Maria Ristow, Jamie Garcia & Friend, Irving & Evelyn Mitsunaga	Questions about Wood Road traffic, availability of Wood Road for evacuation, potential impact of project on housing element, and recommendation to deploy goats to further reduce fire risk. Request for copy of facts and figures table.	Confirmed that project not expected to affect housing element. Planning to deploy goats on property this spring; planning to make commitment to make Wood Road available for evacuation during emergencies.
Open House 7	03/05/20	7-8PM	Los Gatos United Methodist Church	None	General heightened sensitivity due to COVID-19 may have been a factor in suppressing turnout.	Produced and circulated video update; available at Covia/Los Gatos Meadows website https://covia.org/los-gatos-meadows/
Open House 8	12/03/20	7-8PM	Zoom Meeting	Julie Ritter Southern, Fred Lester, Matt Wood, Zane Rowe, Gary/Jamie Garcia, Claire Leclair, Evelyn/Irving Mitsunaga, Robert Macartney, Matthew Bigge	Green roof (Fred), Solar (Julie), incline elevator (Fred), security current through construction (Matt), views from 135 Wood and story pole modification request (Julie), visualization from 100 Wood Rd (Matt), Condo v. CCRC (Julie), fire evacuation (Matt), parking for construction (Fred), construction traffic (Matt)	Provided advance notice of intent to seek modification to Town's Story Pole Policy
Public Hearing - Story Pole Exception Request	01/19/21	7-9PM	Zoom Meeting	Town Council and Town Staff (in advance of meeting, staff received letters from Clare Southern, Matthew Southern and Mark Rigoli (via Council Member Maria Ristow)	No public comments; council members discussed merits and concerns regarding proposal	Consideration for request for fewer poles continued to future council meeting (subsequently withdrew modification request)
NOP Meeting	02/25/21	7-7:15PM	Zoom Meeting	Presenters: Joel Paulson, Jocelyn Shoopman, Sean Mullin, Terri Wissler Adam (EMC Planning). Public Attendees: Matt Hood	Matt Hood inquired about availability of video recording of the NOP meeting	

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Open House 9	08/09/21	7-8PM	Zoom Meeting	Presenters: Frank Rockwood, Mark Falgout, David Gates, Chris Ichien	Comments and questions related to: clarify visual impacts (during and after construction), number of expected truck trips, construction hours, placement of parking, project schedule, emergency circulation and clarification of employee break area	
City Council Public Hearing - Story Pole Exception Request	10/19/21	7-10PM	Zoom Meeting	Town Council and Town Staff (in advance of meeting, staff received letters from Julie Southern, Esther Grant and Andrew Ghofrani)	Frank Rockwood and Mark Falgout stepped through request. No public comments; council members discussed merits and concerns regarding proposal as well as addressed policy in general	Request was granted to use flags versus netting with condition of using 2 rows of flags.
Open House 10	01/10/22	7-8PM	Zoom Meeting	Presenters: Frank Rockwood, Mark Falgout, David Gates, Chris Ichien, Victor Ceron, Laura Worthington-Forbes; Attendees: Gillian and Mike Verga, Julie Ritter Southern, Clare Southern, Matt Southern, Cathy Colgan, Maria Ristow, Andrew Ghofrani, Michael and Kimberley Wasserman, Omari and Kavita Bouknight, Cindy Slain	Comments and questions related to: massing, visualizations (from specific neighbors on Wood Road and Tate & Main Street), Broadway use for pedestrians, construction hours and traffic route, access to vineyard above Los Gatos Meadows, solar panels, undergrounding, PG&E lines, TV antennae tower, color of roof and buildings	Project team to follow up with neighbors re: distribution of massing and additional details on building heights

VIEW CORRIDORS

49 E MAIN STREET



EXISTING
(JULY 2021)



PROPOSED
(JULY 2021)



VIEW WITH STORY POLE
(DECEMBER 2021)



**FINE TUNED ARCHITECTURE
BASED ON STORY POLE LOCATIONS**
(JANUARY 2022)

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49 E MAIN STREET - ENLARGED



VIEW WITH STORY POLE



FINE TUNED ARCHITECTURE
BASED ON STORY POLE LOCATIONS

LOS GATOS MEADOWS - PHOTOSIMULATION BEFORE AND AFTER JANUARY 2022

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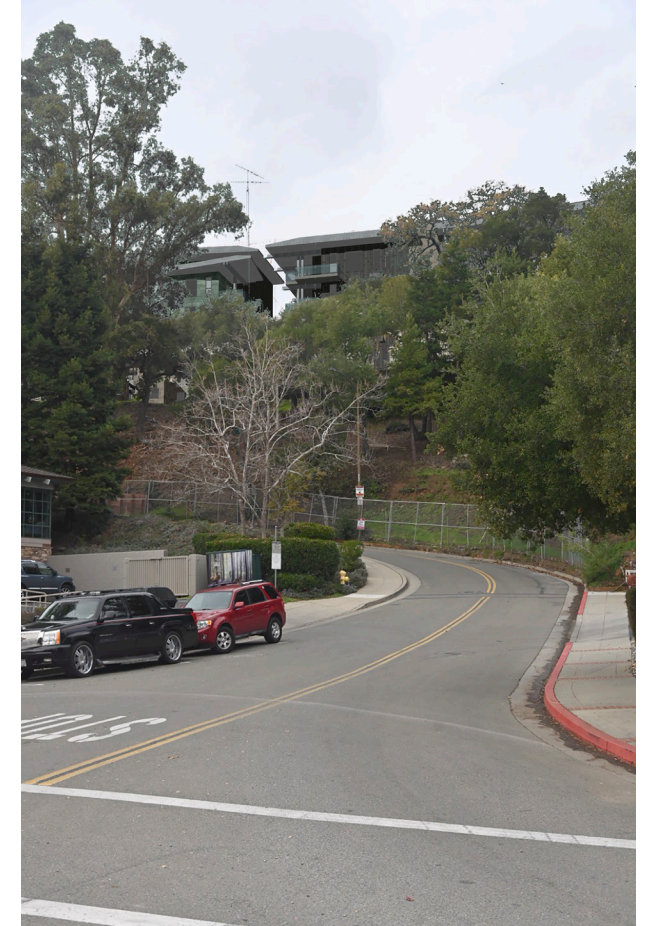


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VIEW WITH STORY POLE
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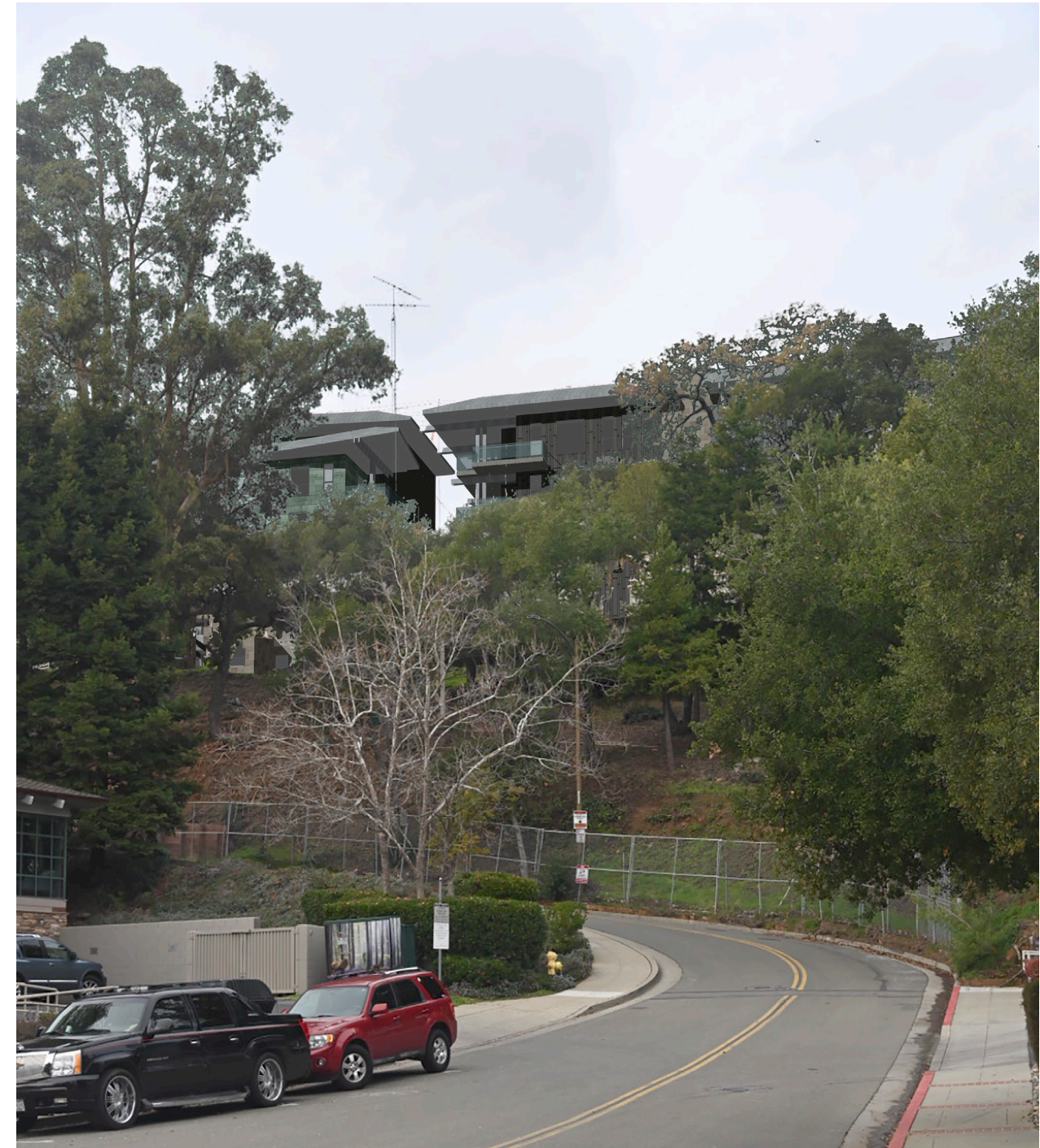
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S SANTA CRUZ AVENUE & WOOD ROAD - ENLARGED



VIEW WITH STORY POLE



FINE TUNED ARCHITECTURE
BASED ON STORY POLE LOCATIONS

VISUALIZATION

UPPER WOOD ROAD



VIEW WITH STORY POLE
(DECEMBER 2021)



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(JANUARY 2022)

VISUALIZATION

121 WOOD ROAD



PROPOSED
(MAY 2021)



VIEW WITH STORY POLE
(DECEMBER 2021)



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